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Cal Poly Groundbreaking for New Engineering Complex Set for Thursday, March 17

To: Education reporters, City Editors, Assignment Editors, Photo Editors
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What: Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker, College of Engineering Dean Peter Y. Lee, and major donor Paul Bonderson will don hard hats and wield shovels to celebrate the **start of construction for two new engineering buildings** - the Bonderson Engineering Projects Center and the Engineering IV building.

When: Thursday, March 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Where: Construction area on North Perimeter across from the Kennedy Library, near the Advanced Technology Laboratory

President Warren J. Baker, College of Engineering Dean Peter Y. Lee, and alumnus donor Paul Bonderson will symbolically break ground March 17 on the Bonderson Engineering Projects Center and the Engineering IV building – new state-of –the-art facilities that will change the face of engineering at Cal Poly.

The Bonderson Engineering Projects Center will provide almost 19,000 square feet of laboratories and work and assembly space for individual and collaborative student projects. Cal Poly alumnus Paul Bonderson (EE '75) and his wife Sandy funded the facility with a \$5 million gift in 2001. They recently pledged an additional \$3.2 million toward completion of the project.

The Engineering IV building is a 104,000-square-foot facility with a construction budget of \$28 million. It will house modern classrooms for aeronautical, mechanical, civil, environmental, industrial and manufacturing engineering programs.

“Together, Engineering IV and the Bonderson Engineering Projects Center will create a lab-centered, state-of-the-art learning environment for the future,” said Dean Peter Lee.

A press release with more details of the projects will be available at the groundbreaking.

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